



# St Christopher's & St Patrick's Catholic Parishes


**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B**
**24TH DECEMBER 2023**
**St Christopher's Catholic Church**

233 Tower Street Panania NSW 2213  
[www.stchristopherpanania.org.au](http://www.stchristopherpanania.org.au)

**Mass Times**

**Saturday Vigil:** 5:30pm  
**Sunday:** 8am, 9:30am & 5pm  
**Tuesday:** 7pm,  
**Wednesday-Friday:** 9:15am  
**Saturday:** 9am

**Exposition & Benediction**

**Tues:** 6-7pm, **Thur:** 5-7pm **Sat:** after 9am Mass

**Holy Hour**

**Friday:** 6.15am-7.15 (except school holidays)

**Reconciliation**

**Saturday:** 9.30am & 4.45 pm

**Baptisms**

11am: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays

**Weddings** (by appointment)

**St. Patrick's Catholic Church**

294 The River Road Revesby Heights NSW 2212  
[www.stpatrickrevesbyheights.org.au](http://www.stpatrickrevesbyheights.org.au)

**Mass Times**

**Saturday Vigil:** 5:30pm  
**Sunday:** 9am  
**Tuesday- Friday:** 8am,

**Exposition & Benediction**

7:30 am - 8am, 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month

**Reconciliation**

**Saturday:** 4.45 pm-5:15 pm

**Baptisms**

10:30am, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month

**Weddings** (by appointment)

**Parish Priest**

Fr Salas Muttathukattil MSFS

**Assistant Priest**

Fr Vijay Kumar Boilla MSFS

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## Gospel Reflection

### 'Spirit Hovering'

St Luke's account of the Annunciation draws on the Jewish tradition describing creation: 'There was darkness over the deep and God's Spirit hovered over the water. God said: "Let there be light", and there was light.' (Genesis 1:2-3) St Luke depicts Mary hearing in the depths of her soul: 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow.'

The Holy Spirit hovers over this young Jewish woman so that the most stupendously creative act in human history can take place. With her consent, God assumes human nature to be gradually enfleshed, embodied, in Mary's womb.

A naturally bewildered young woman was able to respond to God's will because she understood the imagery and the symbolism of the Genesis Story. We, in turn, need to read the Gospels in all their Jewishness so that we can understand when God's Holy Spirit hovers over our lives, asking us to fulfil some particular role in the Divine Plan.

We could pause for a moment to ask whether now is the time for a Marian response: 'Be it done unto me according to your word.'

Fr Michael Tate



## Entrance Antiphon

*Cf Isaiah 45:8*

**Drop down dew from above, you heavens,  
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;  
let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.**

## Advent Wreath Liturgy Prayer



**The Fourth Candle, called the Angel's Candle, which is  
to remind us of the heralds of Christ's birth, is now lit.**

**Priest:** Lord Jesus, the Angel Gabriel announced your coming to the Virgin Mary.

**All: Come and lead us to the heavenly joy with your angels and saints.**

**Priest:** Lord Jesus, the angels sang at your birth of the peace given to all people who enjoy God's favour.

**All: Come and lead us to the heavenly joy with your angels and saints.**

**Priest:** Lord Jesus, the angel came to strengthen you in the garden in your time of need.

**All: Come and lead us to the heavenly joy with your angels and saints.**

**Priest:** Let us pray as Advent draws to a close that God will come to us.

**All:** We rejoice in your call to eternal peace that you made known by the message of an angel. Prepare our hearts for the joy of his presence with us and remove the blindness that hinders our seeing him as Saviour. As we prepare for the feast of Christmas, may we rejoice in his presence and come to the eternal life with you and the Holy Spirit, where you live and reign as one God for ever and ever. Amen

## First Reading

*2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16*

*A reading from the second book of Samuel*

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent'. Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.' But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: 'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever."'

*The Word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God.**

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**We wish to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet, the Durag people of the Eora nation, and pay respect to their traditions, customs and long and continuous culture and history. It is upon their ancestral lands that this Community of God is built.**

## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 88:2-5, 27, 29*

**For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

## Second Reading

*Romans 16:25-27*

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans*

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

*The Word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God.**



*Lk 1:38*

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**I am the servant of the Lord:  
may his will for me be done.**

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel

*Luke 1:26-38*

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke*

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Communion Antiphon

*Isaiah 7:14*

**Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;  
and his name will be called Emmanuel.**





## Piety Stall

Columban Calendars and Christmas Cards are currently available in the Pious Goods Store.

## Christmas closure of Parish office

The office will be closed from Tuesday 26/12/2023 to 1/01/2024 and reopen on Tuesday 2/01/2024

## Communion - Visit to the sick

During the month of January 2024 there will be no regular Sunday Communion Visits to the Sick until the 28th January as most of the ministers are on holidays. If there is need anytime please contact parish office 9774 3662 and leave a message.

## Update from the Safeguarding Office

We have recently received notification from the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Office informing us that readers and wardens/money collectors will no longer have to provide a Working With Children number or complete Safeguarding training. We are sure this will be very welcome news to you if you are involved in these ministries. Thank you to everyone who has willingly complied with all requirements mandated by the Safeguarding Office.

Siobhan and Jeanette

# CHRISTMAS MASSES 2023

## ST CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH



Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December

Normal Vigil Mass 5.30pm

Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> December

Normal Sunday Masses 8.00am & 9.30am

Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Eve Masses

Carol

Mass

Children's Vigil 5pm 5.30pm

Parish Vigil 7pm 7.30pm

Midnight Mass 11.30pm 12am

Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Day

Parish Masses 8.00am & 9.30am

Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> December

Normal Vigil Mass 5.30pm

31<sup>st</sup> December

Normal Sunday Masses 8.00am, 9.30am & 5pm

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 - New Year's Day 9.00am

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Vigil Mass 5.30pm

Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Day

Parish Mass 9.00am

Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> December

Normal Vigil Mass 5.30pm

Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> December

Normal Sunday Mass 9.00am

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 - New Year's Day 8.00am



## BIRTHDAY WISHES:

We wish Georgina Kermode a very happy 80th Birthday for the 22nd December



| ST PATRICK'S CHRISRMAS ROSTERS |                                                  |                            |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
|                                | 24th/25th Dec                                    |                            |
|                                | Christmas Eve 5.30pm                             | Christmas Day 9am          |
| <b>Readers:</b>                | Pat Nolan<br>Ann Papalii                         | Tess Hughes<br>Roza Bulic  |
| <b>Communion Ministers:</b>    | Elena Salgueira<br>Steve Iacono<br>Lynda Cameron | May Coorey<br>Cathy Moussa |

| ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CHRISRMAS ROSTERS |                         |                         |                       |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Christmas Eve Sat 24/12             | 5.30pm                  | 7.30pm                  | 12am                  |
| <b>Readers</b>                      | Tanya N<br>Gabrielle I  | Steve D<br>Volunteer    | George E<br>Volunteer |
| <b>Communion Ministers</b>          | Terese J<br>Volunteer   | Jeanette C<br>Barbara T | Volunteers            |
| <b>Acolytes</b>                     | Jonathan T<br>Volunteer | John T<br>Volunteer     | Jon D<br>Volunteer    |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>                | Lachlan B               | Volunteers              | Volunteers            |

| Christmas Day Sun 25/12    | 8am                       | 9.30am                        |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Readers</b>             | Tanya Nguyen<br>Ron Woods | Louise Anderson<br>Sam Coorey |
| <b>Communion Ministers</b> | Volunteers                | Margaret Vetter<br>Norma V    |
| <b>Acolytes</b>            | Volunteers                | Cheryl Beaver                 |

**St. Christopher's & St. Patrick's Parish Contacts**  
**Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 9.00am-3.00pm**  
**Address: 237 Tower Street, Panania**

**Parish Secretary:** Van Doan  
**Parish Manager:** John Tesoriero  
**Sac. Co-ordinator:** Anne Maree Morris  
**Pastoral Care:** Norma Coorey  
**Liturgy and Ministry Coordinator:**  
**St. Christopher's Church**  
**Parish Pastoral Council**  
 Chairperson: Anne Weeks  
 Secretary:  
**Parish Finance Committee**  
 Chairperson: John Tesoriero  
 Parish Safeguarding Officer: Jeanette Carroll

**St. Patrick's Church**

**Parish Pastoral Council:**

Chairperson: Roza Bulic

Secretary: Pat Nolan

**Parish Finance Committee**

Chairperson: John Tesoriero

Secretary: Pat Nolan

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Siobhan Van Den Nieuwenhuizen

**Recently Deceased:**

Georgina Dorigo, Lorraine Lindsay, Christine Hooper, Elias Chouaifaity, Anna Vingerhoed & Joseph Mrzljak, Yong Nieva.



*Mass Intentions*

**Let Us Pray for our Parish Community**

**Anniversaries:**

Hilda Khoury, The Hanna, Mansour & Crowe families, Maria Catarina Nguyen, Colleen Woods, Joseph Dalli, Pauline O'Shea Sr, Ernest Wormleaton, Benjamin San Juan Sr., Thomas Conway, Tom & Tamam Coorey, Mickalina Azzopardi & Evelyn Jones, Patrick McKenna, Roger Brown, Tony Jabbour.

**General Intention:**

John Azzopardi, Jack & Dulcie Southwell, Alf Pandoleon, Joseph & Veronica Ritchie, Rose Andan, Rita Augustin & departed family members, Antonio & Cecilia Gaveran & departed family members Rob Ellery, Brown, Pereira, Aranjo, Rosario, D'Souza families, Jose Quintal, Julia, John, Terrence Hoad, Julia & Terrence Thomas, Jean & Vincent Hoad, Anthony Bragg, Therese Boukaram, Anthony Coorey, Deceased of Youssib & Nabiha Dagher Family, Dominic Doan, Paul & Tim Burke, Cecilia Gaveran, Deceased members of the Legion of Mary.

**The Sick and Infirm:**

Annie Saffrett, Simon Boukaram, Pedro Priou, Margaret Maloney, Mario Bosquet, Igor Mileusnic, Jack & Leonie Mullane, Baby Lexi, Gerry & David Shepherd, Owen & Marie McLoughlin, Micky Long, Joan Jones, Jenny Breen, Sarah & Asher McLoughlin, Sebastian Pedro Rozo, George Ormerod, Sryani Genge, Betty McDermott, Pat Coates, Ivette Charadia, Ursula O'Shea, Peter Yasbek, Glen San Juan, Manfred Adam, Anne Hanna, Lisa Field, Aria Zimmermann, Di Mason, Robert Charadia, Moussa Debs, Michael Hains, Eric Burwicle, Bronwyn Pearson, Margaret Azzi, Miriam Priou, Maria Koh, John Esther, Rosanne Sukkar, Bill Papadopoulos, McLoughlin, Gillfeathers families, Geordan Smith, Margaret O'Donnell, Kathleen Mulligan, Alma Tahan, Martin Hannagan, Jim O'Neill, Anne Coome, Mary Israel, Stephen Sinclair, Pat Tindall, Sick members of the Legion of Mary.

**ST CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKEND ROSTERS 2023**

| 23rd/24th Dec               | Sat. 5.30pm                           | Sun 8am                         | Sun 9.30am                             | No Sun 5pm                        | Other Ministries                                                                   |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Readers:</b>             | Louise Harvey<br>Clare Lourey         | George Elias<br>Ron Woods       | Volunteer<br>Sam Coorey                |                                   | <b>Communion to the Sick</b><br>Magdalene Vetter<br>Megan Perez<br>Josephine Jones |
| <b>Communion Ministers:</b> | Frank O'Brien<br>Renee Taylor         | Magdalene Vetter<br>Megan Perez | Louise Anderson<br>Kim Barbagallo      |                                   | <b>Counters:</b><br>George Elias<br>Dennis Lister                                  |
| <b>Acolytes/ Servers</b>    | John Tesoriero                        | Jon D'astoli                    | Lisa Kerry                             |                                   | <b>Other Ministries</b>                                                            |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>        | Volunteers                            | Volunteers                      | Volunteers                             |                                   | <b>Communion to the Sick</b><br>N/A                                                |
| 30th/31st Dec               | Sat. 5.30pm                           | Sun 8am                         | Sun 9.30am                             | Sun 5pm                           |                                                                                    |
| <b>Readers:</b>             | Alan Tuohy<br>Michael Mallia          | Joe Nguyen<br>George Elias      | Michael Dumlaio<br>Gabriela Bietresato | Tanya Nguyen<br>Carol Abi-Salloum | <b>Counters:</b><br>John Tesoriero<br>Joanne Carney                                |
| <b>Communion Ministers:</b> | Barbara Tesoriero<br>Jeanette Carroll | Magdalene Vetter<br>Volunteer   | Norma Coorey<br>Valasi Zimmerman       | Volunteer<br>Stephanie Siaoosi    |                                                                                    |
| <b>Acolytes/ Servers</b>    | John Tesoriero                        | Jeff Giltinan                   | Rennie Velarde                         | Ryan Romero                       |                                                                                    |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>        | Volunteers                            | Volunteers                      | Volunteers                             | Volunteers                        |                                                                                    |

**ST PATRICK'S ROSTERS 2023**

|                             | 23rd/24th Dec                      |                               | 30th/31st Dec                     |                             |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
|                             | Sat Vigil: 5.30pm                  | Sun: 9am                      | Sat Vigil: 5.30pm                 | Sun: 9am                    |
| <b>Acolytes/Servers:</b>    | Kevin                              | Moses                         | Chris                             | Moses                       |
| <b>Readers:</b>             | Monika Bradvica<br>Steve Iacono    | Cathy Moussa<br>Ann Papalli   | Marge Salone<br>Barbara Sherry    | Tess Hughes<br>Volunteer    |
| <b>Communion Ministers:</b> | Elena Salgueira<br>Monika Bradvica | May Coorey<br>Volunteer       | Elena Salgueira<br>Barbara Sherry | Cathy Moussa<br>May Coorey  |
| <b>Counters:</b>            |                                    | Maureen Sherry<br>Brian Quinn |                                   | Sue-Ann Burton<br>Peter Vol |



Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office (02)9390 5810 or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org). You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.